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Docket No.: CDSI-P01-021
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Paul Ashton

Application No.: 10/763696

Confirmation No.: 7672

Filed: January 23, 2004

Art Unit: 1614

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SOLUBLE AGENTS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: Coralina Betancourt
Legal Instruments Examiner

Dear Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed August 24, 2004 for the above-captioned matter. A copy of this Notice is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully resubmits the Second Preliminary Amendment to replace the Preliminary Amendment filed on May 18, 2004. Said Second Preliminary Amendment has been corrected by deleting the underlined text of a new paragraph.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. CDSI-P01-021 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: September 2, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment document filed on 5-20-04 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. **Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted.** 37 CFR 1.121(h).

THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

1. Amendments to the specification:

- ☒ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
☒ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
☐ C. Other _____

2. Abstract:

- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
☐ B. Other _____

3. Amendments to the drawings: _____

4. Amendments to the claims:

- ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following 7 status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New) and (Not entered).
☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
☐ E. Other: _____

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

If the non-compliant amendment is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**, applicant is given **ONE MONTH** from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this **ONE MONTH** time limit is **not extendable**.

If the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a **NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION** (including a submission for an RCE), and since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a **TIME PERIOD** of **ONE MONTH** from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

If the amendment is a reply to a **FINAL REJECTION**, this form may be an attachment to an Advisory Action. **The period for response to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection**, and is not affected by the non-compliant status of the amendment.

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.